

# November 2018 Rule and Activity Updates Pre-Launch Check

Following lengthy reviews and consultations with the Movement, the Operations Committee has agreed updates to a number of rules designed to remove unnecessary barriers, ensuring they remain safe while making them easy for Leaders to operate.

Following this pre-launch check the intention is to publish them and go live in January 2019. Until this date when the updates are published the current rules (October 2018) continue to apply.

If you have concerns about the understandability or workability of any of these changes, please advise UK Headquarters via the online survey below on anything contained within this document that doesn't make sense or is not workable. Please submit your comments by **27 November 2018**.

To submit your comments please visit the [pre-launch check online survey](#).

**Note:** Please read the proposals carefully and only provide feedback on the areas which you feel will cause issues in the delivery of Scouting locally.

The pre-launch checks in place this year relate to the following topics:

- leadership of Sections,
- protected marks, trade marks and copyright;
- first aid,
- horse riding,
- martial arts,
- nights away,
- target sports (including archery, axe throwing, fencing, laser games and shooting),
- trampoline parks,
- visits abroad.

## POR Updates

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The Operations Committee have approved updates to a number of rules which are outlined below, with the exception of those contained within Chapter 9 Activities which can be found in the Activities Updates section of this document.

**Note:** All POR wording can be found in Appendix A starting on page 5. Unless otherwise referenced factsheets and web guidance will be available at launch of these revisions in January 2019.

### Leadership of Sections

The updates serve to clarify in POR, that Sections are led by Section Leader teams, and that a broader team of adults may support the delivery of the programme. In addition to updating POR to encourage the 'teamwork' good practice that has been promoted for many years (including Explorer Scout Young Leaders in the team), the updates are designed to clarify the requirements for a section to operate, supporting the continued operation of a section even without the Section Leader being present (on an infrequent basis). Secondly they are to clarify the purpose of the Occasional Helper (OH) role, which is simply to enable adults who do not have a Disclosure check, but need one.

The changes relate to the following rules:

- Rule 3.7 The Beaver Scout Colony
- Rule 3.8 The Cub Scout Pack
- Rule 3.9 The Scout Troop
- Rule 3.26 The Appointment of Adults
- Rule 4.7 Explorer Scout Units
- Rule 4.28 The Appointment of Adults
- Rule 5.19 The Appointment of Adults

### Protected marks, trade marks and copyright

Following the launch of our new brand and visual identity in May 2018, we have reviewed the rules in POR relating to protected Scout logos, names, badges, awards and copyright materials. The new versions are now simpler, clearer and more helpful, with an emphasis on supporting local Scouting. The new rules are designed to support local Scouting with the day to day running of Scouting, providing better guidance on use of our brand.

The changes relate to the following rules:

- Rule 14.7 Protected Badges and Designations (Proposed to be now known as 'Protected Scout logos, names, badges and awards')
- Rule 14.8 Trade Marks
- Rule 14.9 Copyright

## Activity Updates

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A brief on which activities have proposed updates/amendments is below (badge updates follow below);

**Note:** All POR wording can be found in Appendix A starting on page 5. Unless otherwise referenced factsheets and web guidance will be available at launch of these revisions in January 2019.

### First Aid

- **Rule 9.7 Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme** This rule is being updated to better describe the activities considered to be remote and therefore require immediate access to someone with a higher level of first aid qualification.
- **Rule 9.56 Responsibilities** This rule is being updated to better describe the activities considered to be remote and therefore require immediate access to someone with a higher level of first aid qualification.
- **The Appointment Process 5 – Reviewing Appointments** This rule is being updated to require members to maintain a minimum of first response at all times following their first appointment review.

A transition till 31 December 2020 has been provided to ensure that members have time to adapt to the new requirements. Work is ongoing to review the existing content of the First Response course and associated materials.

## Horse Riding

- **Rule 9.70 Horse Riding** This rule is being updated to reflect the current industry standards for the safe delivery of horse riding activities to members. In addition a requirement to wear helmets whilst riding is being introduced.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to the a-z activity page relating to horse riding and FAQs being introduced to support members.

## Martial Arts

- **Rule 9.69 Martial Arts** This rule is being updated to require members to follow the standards of the relevant National Governing Body when delivering these activities.

## Nights Away

- **Rule 9.56 Responsibilities** This rule is being updated to be clearer about the responsibilities a Nights Away Permit holder has for ensuring that parents are made aware of the supervision arrangements for a nights away event.
- **Rule 9.61 Nights Away Event Passports** This rule is being updated to be clearer about the responsibilities a Nights Away Permit holder has for ensuring that parents are made aware of the supervision arrangements for a nights away event. In addition wording is being clarified to confirm that an Event Passport cannot be used when adults are present, including Scout Network Members on joint activities.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to the guidance available to support nights away activities, this includes: updates FAQs, new guidance to support those using Nights Away Event Passports, updates to associated forms for branding and data protection information, an update to AC120990 Assessment Checklist for a Nights Away Permit to be clearer about the knowledge required relating to Carbon Monoxide.

## Target Sports

### Archery

- **Rule 9.36 Archery** This rule is being updated to clarify that the activity of battle archery/ archery tag is not permitted for members to take part in due to it being shooting at other humans and with no external regulation.
- **Rule 9.67 Banned Activities** This rule is being updated to clarify that the activity of battle archery/ archery tag is not permitted for members to take part in due to it being shooting at other humans and with no external regulation.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to FS120406 Archery, AC120953 Assessment Checklist for Archery, Archery FAQs and the Archery Logbook. These updates are to update the branding, add data protection information and minor amendments to the criteria to better reflect the skills required to lead the activity. This will clarify the definitions within archery activities including information about the management of soft archery and also to allow those with non-compound bow archery permits to deliver activity using junior compound bows.

### Axe Throwing

- **Rule 9.38 Axe Throwing** This rule is being updated to clarify the terminology used to describe this activity, with the name changing from axe throwing to tomahawk throwing and angels to small hawks. This update has no operational change to the activity.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to FS120011 Axe and the Axe Throwing FAQs. These updates are to update the branding, reflect the change in terminology and also to remove the reference to what type of clothing is required and reference this back to the activity risk assessment. Updates are also proposed to the suggested range layout and training requirements.

### Fencing

- **Rule 9.81 Fencing** This rule is being introduced to ensure that members are using the standards of British Fencing when delivering these activities.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to the a-z activity page relating to fencing and FAQs are being introduced to support members. Through a partnership with British Fencing opportunities for leaders to gain training and qualifications to lead fencing will be highlighted.

### Laser games

- **Rule 9.40 Laser Games** This rule is being updated to add clarification.

### Shooting

- **Rule 9.37 Shooting** This rule has been restructured to add clarity; making it easier to understand which rules apply to which types of activity. In addition updates have been made to reference the regional laws relating the use, transportation and storage of air guns.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to FS120004 Shooting and its sub-pages referring to types of shooting and qualifications. In addition guidance is being introduced relating to crossbow activities. All shooting related a-z pages and the FAQs will be updated and the shooting permission form is being updated to reflect the new brand and include data protection information.

### Trampoline Parks

- **Rule 9.82 Trampoline Parks** This rule is being introduced to ensure that members undertaking activities at trampoline parks do so with the correct support and advice. This rule refers to members using parks which are compliant with a British Safety Standard and members of the International Association of Trampoline Parks. This rule is being introduced following a significant number of incidents which occurred during activities at centres providing this activity.

### Visits Abroad

- **Rule 9.64 Visits Abroad** This rule is being updated to provide a digital solution to the HQ notification element of the Visits Abroad process. Updates have been made to some terminology.
- **Factsheets and guidance** Updates are being made to the visits abroad form to reflect the revised process for HQ notification, updated branding and inclusion of data protection information.

## Appendix A - POR Updates

The table below indicates the rules which are being pre-launch checked as part of this process. Those indicated in **red** are new, amended or removed rules.

Chapter 3 – The Scout Group	
Current	Proposed
<p><b>Rule 3.7 The Beaver Scout Colony</b></p> <p><b>Size of Colony</b></p> <p>a. The recommended maximum size for a Colony is 24 Beaver Scouts.</p> <p>b. This number may be exceeded with the agreement of the Group Scout Leader.</p> <p><i>When deciding on the Colony size, Leaders should take into account the leadership available, the needs of the young people and the capacity of the meeting venue and whether it might be more effective to run more than one Colony.</i></p> <p><b>Leadership</b></p> <p>c. The operation of the Colony must be overseen by a Leader.</p> <p>d. The leader in charge must plan to ensure that at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at regular indoor Colony meetings, at least one of whom should hold a Leader, Manager or Supporter Appointment.</p> <p>e. In the event of a Leader, Manager or Supporter not being able to attend the Colony meeting, it is possible on occasions for another adult, with youth leadership experience, to take their place at the meeting or similar event, as long as the Group Scout Leader is consulted and supports the arrangement. Such adults must have satisfactorily completed the Personal Enquiry process and would normally have completed Getting Started or the equivalent.</p> <p>f. Other than two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Beaver Scouts set for regular indoor Colony meetings, but for all meetings and activities Leaders should assess the risk and arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe environment for the operation of the Colony, which may vary depending on the programme.</p> <p><i>It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team.</i></p> <p>g. The recommended minimum ratio for both outdoor activities held away from the usual meeting place</p>	<p><b>Rule 3.7 The Beaver Scout Colony</b></p> <p><b>Size of Colony</b></p> <p>a. The recommended maximum size for a Colony is 24 Beaver Scouts.</p> <p>b. This number may be exceeded with the agreement of the Group Scout Leader.</p> <p><i>When deciding on the Colony size, Leaders should take into account the leadership available, the needs of the young people and the capacity of the meeting venue and whether it might be more effective to run more than one Colony.</i></p> <p><b>Leadership</b></p> <p>c. The operation of the Colony must be overseen by a Leader <b>or team of Leaders. A Section Leader team comprises all Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, and Explorer Scout Young Leaders working with the Colony. Working with this wider Section Leader team, the Section Leader(s) have responsibility for the planning of the programme and the management of the Colony.</b></p> <p><b>d. The delivery of the Colony programme is the responsibility of the wider Section Leader team, led by the Section Leader. Additional adults (for example parents, subject experts from the community) may be used on a regular or occasional basis to support the programme delivery. The Personal Enquiry and criminal records disclosures checks requirements detailed in Rule 3.26(b) apply for these additional adults.</b></p> <p><b>Explorer Scout Young Leaders are part of the Section Leader team but remain the responsibility of the Section Leader and must adhere to Rule 4.37.</b></p> <p>e. The <b>Section Leader(s) have an accountability</b> to ensure that at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at <b>each</b> Colony meeting, at least one of whom <b>holds a FULL appointment with the Section (a Section or Assistant Section Leader or a Section Assistant).</b></p> <p>f. In the event of <b>no</b> Leader, <b>Assistant Leader or Section Assistant with a FULL appointment from the Colony Section Leader Team</b> being able to attend a</p>

<p>and nights away experiences is 1 adult to 6 Beaver Scouts plus the leader in charge. However as a minimum at least two adults must be present overnight. Only in the event of an emergency should an adult be alone overnight with young people on a nights away experience.</p> <p>h. For all Scouting activities a risk assessment should be carried out as stated in Rule 9.4. This risk assessment cannot override the minimum requirements stated in 3.7d and 3.7g or those required by the activity rules in chapter 9.</p>	<p>Colony meeting, it is possible for another adult member, with <b>appropriate</b> youth leadership experience (<b>not necessarily in the same section</b>), to take their place at the meeting or similar event, as long as the Group Scout Leader is consulted <b>as soon as practicable in advance</b> and supports the arrangement. Such adults must have satisfactorily completed the Personal Enquiry process and <b>have a FULL appointment</b>. <b>It is expected that this situation will only occur infrequently – if that is not the case the Group Scout Leader must take appropriate action to strengthen the Section Leadership team of the Colony.</b></p> <p>g. Other than two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Beaver Scouts set for regular indoor Colony meetings, but for all meetings and activities Leaders should assess the risk and arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe environment for the operation of the Colony, which may vary depending on the programme.</p> <p><i>It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team.</i></p> <p>h. The recommended minimum ratio for both outdoor activities held away from the usual meeting place and nights away experiences is 1 adult to 6 Beaver Scouts plus the leader in charge. However, as a minimum, at least two adults must be present overnight. Only in the event of an emergency should an adult be alone overnight with young people on a nights away experience.</p> <p>i. For all Scouting activities a risk assessment should be carried out as stated in Rule 9.4. This risk assessment cannot override the minimum requirements stated in 3.7d and 3.7g or those required by the activity rules in chapter 9.</p>
<p><b>Rule 3.26 The Appointment of Adults</b></p> <p>b. A Personal Enquiry (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) will always be required for any person aged 18 or over who meets <b>any</b> of the following criteria: <sup>SV</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wishes to become a Member or Associate member (for members of Scout Network – see 3.26m below); or</li> <li>• will be a member of an Executive Committee; or</li> <li>• will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or</li> <li>• may be helping out once a week (or on four occasions in a thirty day period) or more frequently; or</li> <li>• will have unsupervised access to young people.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rule 3.26 The Appointment of Adults</b></p> <p>b. A Personal Enquiry (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) will always be required for any person aged 18 or over who meets <b>any</b> of the following criteria: <sup>SV</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wishes to become a Member or Associate member (for members of Scout Network – see 3.26m below); or</li> <li>• will be a member of an Executive Committee; or</li> <li>• will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or</li> <li>• may be helping out once a week (or on four occasions in a thirty-day period) or more frequently; or</li> </ul>

<p>d. Where any of the conditions in 3.26b above are met and the individual does not otherwise hold a role requiring a disclosure (see POR: The Appointment Process), the individual must be recorded as an Occasional Helper on Compass and a Personal Enquiry (including a criminal records disclosure check) undertaken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will have unsupervised access to young people.</li> </ul> <p>d. A person who requires a Personal Enquiry under 3.26(b) above (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) and who does not have an active role on Compass must be registered on Compass as an Occasional Helper. Occasional Helpers are not entitled to membership status or benefits (including insurances) and the recording on Compass is only provided to enable the Personal Enquiry and criminal records disclosure checks to be conducted. <sup>sv</sup></p>
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Chapter 4 – The Scout District	
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<p><b>Rule 4.7 Explorer Scout Units</b></p> <p>a. Explorer Scout Units are part of a District's provision of Scouting.</p> <p>b. Explorer Scout Units may be attached to a Scout Group but are not a formal part of the Group.</p> <p>c. An Explorer Scout Unit consists of a number of Explorer Scouts.</p> <p>d. They may be divided into smaller groups but these should be flexible.</p> <p>e. All Explorer Scout Units are required to be open to male and female membership except in special situations. Special situations include those where there are specific cultural or religious requirements for single sex Explorer Scout Units.</p> <p>f. The operation of the Unit must be overseen by a Leader.</p>	<p><b>Rule 4.7 Explorer Scout Units</b></p> <p>a. Explorer Scout Units are part of a District's provision of Scouting.</p> <p>b. Explorer Scout Units may be attached to a Scout Group but are not a formal part of the Group.</p> <p>c. An Explorer Scout Unit consists of a number of Explorer Scouts.</p> <p>d. They may be divided into smaller groups but these should be flexible.</p> <p>e. All Explorer Scout Units are required to be open to male and female membership except in special situations. Special situations include those where there are specific cultural or religious requirements for single sex Explorer Scout Units.</p> <p>f. The operation of the Unit must be overseen by a Leader or team of Leaders. A Section Leader team comprises of all Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and Section/Unit Assistants working with the Unit. Working with the wider Section Leader team, the Section Leader(s) have responsibility for the planning of the programme and the management of the Unit.</p> <p>g. The delivery of the Unit programme is the responsibility of the wider Section Leader team, led by the Section Leader. Additional adults (for example parents, subject experts from the community) may be used on a regular or occasional basis to support the programme delivery. The Personal Enquiry and criminal records disclosures checks requirements detailed in Rule 4.28(b) apply for these additional adults.</p> <p>h. The Section Leader(s) have an accountability to</p>

<p>g. The Leader in charge must plan to ensure at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at regular indoor Unit meetings, at least one of whom should hold a Leader, Manager or Supporter appointment.</p> <p>h. In the event of a Leader, Manager or Supporter not being able to attend a Unit meeting, it is possible on occasions for another adult, with youth leadership experience, to take their place at the meeting or similar event, as long as the District Explorer Scout Commissioner is consulted and supports the arrangement. Such adults must have satisfactorily completed the Personal Enquiry process and would normally have completed Getting Started or the equivalent.</p> <p>i. Other than two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Explorers set for regular indoor Unit meetings, but for all meetings and activities Leaders should assess the risk and arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe environment for the operation of the Unit, which may vary depending on the programme being delivered.</p> <p><i>It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team</i></p> <p>j. There is no recommended minimum ratio for outdoor activities held away from the usual meeting place or nights away experiences. However as a minimum for all Nights Away experiences led by a Nights Away Permit Holder, at least two adults must be present overnight. Only in the event of an emergency should an adult be alone overnight with young people on a residential experience.</p> <p>k. For all Scouting activities a risk assessment should be carried out as stated in Rule 9.4. This risk assessment cannot override the minimum requirements stated in Rule 4.7g or those required by the activity rules in chapter 9.</p> <p>l. The age range of the Section is from 14 years to 18 years old. The age for moving from the Scout Section is between 13½ and 14½ years and moving to the Scout Network at 18 years. The leaving age is upon reaching the 18th birthday. Under no circumstances</p>	<p>ensure at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at <b>each</b> Unit meeting, at least one of whom <b>holds a FULL appointment with the Unit (a Section or Assistant Section Leader or a Section/Unit Assistant).</b></p> <p>i. In the event of <b>no Leader or Section Assistant with a FULL appointment from the Unit</b> being able to attend a Unit meeting, it is possible on occasions for another adult member, with <b>appropriate</b> youth leadership experience (<b>not necessarily in the same section</b>), to take their place at the meeting or similar event, as long as the District Explorer Scout Commissioner is consulted <b>as soon as practicable in advance</b> and supports the arrangement. Such adults must have satisfactorily completed the Personal Enquiry process and <b>have a FULL appointment. It is expected that this situation will only occur infrequently – if that is not the case the District Explorer Scout Commissioner must take appropriate action to strengthen the Section Leadership team of the Unit.</b></p> <p>j. Other than two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Explorers set for regular indoor Unit meetings, but for all meetings and activities Leaders should assess the risk and arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe environment for the operation of the Unit, which may vary depending on the programme being delivered.</p> <p><i>It is good practice to have a mixed leadership team</i></p> <p>k. There is no recommended minimum ratio for outdoor activities held away from the usual meeting place or nights away experiences. However, as a minimum, for all Nights Away experiences led by a Nights Away Permit Holder at least two adults must be present overnight. Only in the event of an emergency should an adult be alone overnight with young people on a residential experience.</p> <p>l. For all Scouting activities a risk assessment should be carried out as stated in Rule 9.4. This risk assessment cannot override the minimum requirements stated in Rule 4.7g or those required by the activity rules in chapter 9.</p> <p>m. The age range of the Section is from 14 years to 18 years old. The age for moving from the Scout Section is between 13½ and 14½ years and moving to the Scout Network at 18 years. The leaving age is upon reaching the 18th birthday. Under no circumstances can anyone aged 18 years or over, regardless of ability remain in a youth section (i.e. Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts or Explorer Scouts).</p>
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<p>can anyone aged 18 years or over, regardless of ability remain in a youth section (i.e. Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts or Explorer Scouts).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> A young person who turns 18 during an event or residential activity (of no more than one month's duration) shall be treated as under 18, and be subject to all rules applicable to under 18 year olds, for the duration of that event.</p>	<p><b>Note:</b> A young person who turns 18 during an event or residential activity (of no more than one month's duration) shall be treated as under 18, and be subject to all rules applicable to under 18 year olds, for the duration of that event.</p>
<p><b>Rule 4.28 The Appointment of Adults</b></p> <p>b. A Personal Enquiry (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) will always be required for any person aged 18 or over who meets <b>any</b> of the following criteria: <sup>SV</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wishes to become a Member or Associate member (for members of Scout Network – see 4.28m below); or</li> <li>• will be a member of an Executive Committee; or</li> <li>• will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or</li> <li>• may be helping out once a week (or on four occasions in a thirty day period) or more frequently; or</li> <li>• will have unsupervised access to young people.</li> </ul> <p>d. Where any of the conditions in 4.28b above are met and the individual does not otherwise hold a role requiring a criminal records disclosure check (see POR: The Appointment Process), the individual must be recorded as an Occasional Helper on Compass and a Personal Enquiry (including a criminal records disclosure check) undertaken.</p>	<p><b>Rule 4.28 The Appointment of Adults</b></p> <p>b. A Personal Enquiry (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) will always be required for any person aged 18 or over who meets <b>any</b> of the following criteria: <sup>SV</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wishes to become a Member or Associate member (for members of Scout Network – see 4.28m below); or</li> <li>• will be a member of an Executive Committee; or</li> <li>• will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or</li> <li>• may be helping out once a week (or on four occasions in a thirty-day period) or more frequently; or</li> <li>• will have unsupervised access to young people.</li> </ul> <p>d. A person who requires a Personal Enquiry under 4.28(b) above (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) and who does not have an active role on Compass must be registered on Compass as an Occasional Helper. Occasional Helpers are not entitled to membership status or benefits (including insurances) and the recording on Compass is only provided to enable the Personal Enquiry and criminal records disclosure checks to be conducted. <sup>SV</sup></p>

Chapter 5 – The Scout County	
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<p><b>Rule 5.19 The Appointment of Adults<sup>SV</sup></b></p> <p>b. A Personal Enquiry (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) will always be required for any person aged 18 or over who meets <b>any</b> of the following criteria: <sup>SV</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wishes to become a Member or Associate member (for members of Scout Network – see 5.19m below); or</li> <li>• will be a member of an Executive Committee; or</li> <li>• will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or</li> <li>• may be helping out once a week (or on four occasions in a thirty day period) or more frequently; or</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rule 5.19 The Appointment of Adults<sup>SV</sup></b></p> <p>b. A Personal Enquiry (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) will always be required for any person aged 18 or over who meets <b>any</b> of the following criteria: <sup>SV</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wishes to become a Member or Associate member (for members of Scout Network – see 5.19m below); or</li> <li>• will be a member of an Executive Committee; or</li> <li>• will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or</li> <li>• may be helping out once a week (or on four occasions in a thirty-day period) or more frequently; or</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>will have unsupervised access to young people.</li> </ul> <p>d. Where any of the conditions in 5.19b above are met and the individual does not otherwise hold a role requiring a criminal records disclosure check (see POR: The Appointment Process), the individual must be recorded as an Occasional Helper on Compass and a Personal Enquiry (including a criminal records disclosure check) undertaken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>will have unsupervised access to young people.</li> </ul> <p><u>d. A person who requires a Personal Enquiry under 5.19(b) above (including where relevant a criminal records disclosure check) and who does not have an active role on Compass must be registered on Compass as an Occasional Helper. Occasional Helpers are not entitled to membership status or benefits (including insurances) and the recording on Compass is only provided to enable the Personal Enquiry and criminal records disclosure checks to be conducted.</u><sup>SV</sup></p>
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Chapter 9 – Activities	
Current	Proposed
<p><b>Rule 9.7 Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme</b></p> <p>i. All groups undertaking adventurous activities must have immediate access to someone holding a relevant and current first aid qualification. This need not be the permit holder. The detail of the first aid skills required will be identified by the risk assessment, but the minimum qualifications (or equivalents) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Terrain 2 – A full first aid certificate as defined at FS120052</li> <li>· All other adventurous activities – First Response.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rule 9.7 Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme</b></p> <p>i. All groups undertaking adventurous activities must have immediate access to someone holding a relevant and current first aid qualification. This need not be the permit holder. The detail of the first aid skills required will be identified by the risk assessment, but the minimum qualifications (or equivalents) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <u>Remote activities (including Terrain 2 activities, those taking place offshore, and in environments where getting additional assistance would take more than 3 hours)</u> – A full first aid certificate as defined at FS120052</li> <li>· All other adventurous activities – First Response.</li> </ul> <p><u>NOTE: Rule 9.7 is now for implementation by Counties by 31 December 2020. During this time, where the revised processes have not yet been implemented locally, reference should be made to Rule 9.7 October 2018 version of POR.</u></p>
<p><b>Rule 9.36 Archery</b></p> <p>a. Archery must be run as specified in <a href="#">Rule 9.7</a> or the <a href="#">externally led archery page of scouts.org.uk</a></p> <p>b. Shooting at targets representing human beings or animals is not permitted as a part of any Scout activity, nor on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement.</p> <p>c. The use of crossbows as a Scouting activity can be found in <a href="#">Rule 9.37</a> Shooting.</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.36 Archery</b></p> <p>a. Archery must be run as specified in <a href="#">Rule 9.7</a> or the <a href="#">externally led archery page of scouts.org.uk</a></p> <p>b. Shooting at targets representing human beings or animals is not permitted as a part of any Scout activity, nor on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement <u>(including Archery Tag and other combat style archery activities as per POR 9.67).</u></p> <p>c. The use of crossbows as a Scouting activity can be found in <a href="#">Rule 9.37</a> Shooting.</p>
<p><b>Rule 9.37 Shooting</b></p> <p>a. This rule applies to the use of firearms as defined</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.37 Shooting</b></p>

<p>in law (note that this term includes airguns) and also to the use of crossbows with a draw weight of 1.4kg or greater.</p> <p>b. Before engaging in shooting as an activity Leaders should take account of local feelings on shooting.</p> <p>c. Shooting at targets representing human beings or animals is not permitted as a part of any Scout activity, nor on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement.</p> <p>d. For each young person under the age of 18 years of age, the leader of the activity must obtain written permission from each young person's parent/guardian before undertaking the activity, or series of activities.</p> <p>e. The parent/guardian should be supplied with detailed information on the nature of the activity when permission is sought. An example form is available on the <a href="#">shooting pages of the website</a>. Where other forms are used they should at least include this information.</p> <p>f. No firearms, may be acquired, held or used by any Scout unit or campsite unless the Group Scout Leader, District Explorer Scout Commissioner or Campsite Manager as appropriate has ascertained, understands and complies with any statutory requirements or bye laws relating to their possession and use.</p> <p>g. Firearms may be taken on to Scout premises so long as permission is sought from the owner or their representative and the person responsible for the activity (i.e. site warden/ manager or District Commissioner).</p> <p>h. In no circumstances may any person handling any firearm or crossbow at any Scout premises, camp site, camp or a Scout project or expedition, indulge in indiscriminate firing.</p> <p>i. In every case, shooting must be supervised by a <a href="#">competent and appropriately qualified Range Officer</a> who must have a knowledge of the correct use of the firearms being used and shall be responsible for ensuring compliance by all persons in the range with the relevant range safety and other rules.</p> <p>j. Wherever practical, shooting ranges should be out of bounds, except during the specified times for shooting.</p> <p>k. Members may practice target shooting with firearms, whether requiring a Firearms Certificate or not, under any of the following circumstances:</p>	<p><b><u>Definition</u></b></p> <p>a. <u>This rule applies to shooting activities using firearms as defined in law (including air guns with energy greater than 1 Joule), and also to the use of crossbows with a draw weight of 1.4kg or greater, re-enactment guns. This rule does not apply to paintballing, the use of laser guns and the use of toy guns.</u></p> <p><b><u>Targets</u></b></p> <p>b. Shooting at targets representing human beings or animals is not permitted as a part of any Scout activity, nor on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement.</p> <p><b><u>Parental consent</u></b></p> <p>c. Before engaging in shooting as an activity Leaders should take account of local feelings on shooting.</p> <p>d. The parent/guardian should be supplied with detailed information on the nature of the activity when permission is sought. An example form is available on the <a href="#">shooting pages of the website</a>. Where other forms are used they should at least include this information.</p> <p>e. <u>When taking part in shooting activities members must have parental permission for all under 18's taking part.</u></p> <p><b><u>Transportation, storage and use</u></b></p> <p>f. No firearms may be <u>bought, owned</u> or used by any Scout unit or campsite unless the <u>relevant line manager</u> has <u>made arrangements to ensure that possession and use</u> complies with all statutory requirements and any applicable bylaws.</p> <p>g. Firearms may be taken on to Scout premises so long as permission is obtained from the owner or their representative and the person responsible for the activity (i.e. site warden/ manager or District Commissioner).</p> <p><u>h. Members operating firearms as defined in the law must do so in line with the Firearms act 1968 (as amended) and other relevant legislation.</u></p> <p><u>i. Members operating air guns and firearms in Northern Ireland must adhere to the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004.</u></p> <p><u>j. Members operating in Scotland must hold a 'target shooting club's approval' issued by Police Scotland. The storage and operation of air guns must be accordance with the Air Weapon and Licensing</u></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as a member or guest of a club approved for this purpose by the relevant Government Department;</li> <li>• on Service premises under the supervision of an authorised member of the armed forces;</li> <li>• if the firearms are shotguns, clay pigeon shooting under the standards and controls of the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association;</li> </ul> <p>i. Members may practise shooting with air guns which do not require a Firearms Certificate [except that in Northern Ireland a Firearms Certificate is always required] as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ranges must have been properly constructed to comply with guidelines issued by the National Small-Bore Rifle Association or the National Rifle Association and with any bye laws relevant to the location of the range;</li> <li>• the guns used must not be of an automatic nature;</li> <li>• the pellets used must be 'diabolo shaped' and of soft deformable metal such as lead;</li> <li>• the Range Officer must hold one of the qualifications listed in the current issue of the factsheet <a href="#">FS120004 Shooting</a> and, if any of those shooting is under the age of 14, the Range Officer or another person supervising participants in the activity must be aged not less than 21;</li> <li>• for a temporary range, the Range Officer shall prescribe appropriate range safety and other rules, taking account of the particular circumstances of the range;</li> <li>• where the air guns being used are of greater than .177inch (4.5mm) calibre, shooting must take place outdoors on a range with a minimum distance to target of 12m.</li> </ul> <p>m. Members may use firearms for historical re-enactment purposes as a member or guest of a club affiliated to the National Association of Re-enactment Societies and operating in accordance with their standards and codes of practice. Members using firearms under this rule remain subject to Rule 9.37c (which forbids shooting at targets representing human beings or animals).</p> <p>n. The person in charge of crossbow activities where the crossbow has a draw weight in excess of 1.4kg must hold a minimum of YPS Tutor Sport Crossbow qualification from the NSRA. Where members taking part in the activity are under the</p>	<p><a href="#">(Scotland) Act 2015.</a></p> <p><a href="#">k. Members running events involving air gun activities in Scotland must hold an Event Permit issued by Police Scotland and operate air guns in accordance with the Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015.</a></p> <p><a href="#">l. Members travelling to Scotland, from elsewhere in the UK, and transporting their airguns in order to provide shooting activities require a Visitor Permit issued by Police Scotland. This must be acquired prior to the visit for either an individual or a group. Members must ensure that all shooting activities are carried out in line with the Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015.</a></p> <p><a href="#">m.</a> Wherever practical, shooting ranges should be out of bounds, except during the specified times for shooting, <a href="#">where the range and surrounding areas must be managed appropriately.</a></p> <p><b>Supervision</b></p> <p><a href="#">n.</a> In every case, shooting must be supervised by a <a href="#">competent and appropriately qualified Range Conducting Officer</a> who must have a knowledge of the correct use of the firearms being used and shall be responsible for ensuring compliance by all persons in the range with the relevant range safety and other rules.</p> <p><a href="#">o.</a> Members may use firearms for historical re-enactment purposes as a member or guest of a club affiliated to the National Association of Re-enactment Societies and operating in accordance with their standards and codes of practice. Members using firearms under this rule remain subject to Rule 9.37c (which forbids shooting at targets representing human beings or animals).</p> <p><a href="#">p.</a> The person in charge of crossbow activities where the crossbow has a draw weight in excess of 1.4kg must hold a minimum of YPS Tutor Sport Crossbow qualification from the <a href="#">National Small-Bore Rifle Association (NSRA)</a>. Where members taking part in the activity are under the age of 18, the Range Officer or another person supervising participants in the activity must be aged not less than 21.</p> <p><a href="#">q.</a> Members may practice target shooting with firearms, whether requiring a Firearms Certificate or not, under any of the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as a member or guest of a club approved for this purpose by the relevant Government Department;</li> <li>• on Service premises under the supervision of an authorised member of the armed forces;</li> </ul>
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<p>age of 18, the Range Officer or another person supervising participants in the activity must be aged not less than 21.</p> <p>Further guidance is available to support all of the above on the <a href="http://shooting.pages.of.scouts.org.uk">shooting pages of scouts.org.uk</a>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if the firearms are shotguns, clay pigeon shooting under the standards and controls of the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (<a href="#">CPSA</a>);</li> </ul> <p><b>Air guns</b></p> <p>r. Members may practise shooting with air guns which do not require a Firearms Certificate [except that in Northern Ireland a Firearms Certificate is always required] as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the ranges must have been properly constructed to comply with guidelines issued by the <a href="#">NSRA</a> or the National Rifle Association (<a href="#">NRA</a>) and with any bye laws relevant to the location of the range;</li> <li>the guns used must not be of an automatic nature;</li> <li>the pellets used must be 'diabolo shaped' and of soft deformable metal such as lead;</li> <li>the Range <a href="#">Conducting</a> Officer must hold one of the qualifications listed in the current issue of the factsheet <a href="#">FS120004 Shooting</a> and, if any of those shooting is under the age of 14, the Range <a href="#">Conducting</a> Officer or another person supervising participants in the activity must be aged not less than 21;</li> <li>for a temporary range, the Range Officer shall prescribe appropriate range safety and other rules, taking account of the particular circumstances of the range;</li> <li>where the air guns being used are of greater than .177inch (4.5mm) calibre, shooting must take place outdoors on a range with a minimum distance to target of 12m.</li> </ul> <p>Further guidance is available to support all of the above on the <a href="http://shooting.pages.of.scouts.org.uk">shooting pages of scouts.org.uk</a>.</p>
<p><b>Rule 9.38 Axe Throwing</b></p> <p>a. The throwing of axes, tomahawks and angels must follow the guidance in the <a href="#">Axe Throwing factsheet</a>.</p> <p>b. Throwing at targets representing human beings or animals is not permitted as a part of any Scout activity, nor on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement.</p> <p>c. Throwing knives is not permitted within The Scout Association (see <a href="#">rule 9.67</a> Banned Activities).</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.38 Tomahawk Throwing</b></p> <p>a. The throwing of tomahawks and <a href="#">small hawks</a> must follow the guidance in the <a href="#">Tomahawk Throwing factsheet (FS120011)</a>.</p> <p>b. Throwing at targets representing human beings or animals is not permitted as a part of any Scout activity, nor on property owned or leased by, or used in the name of, the Scout Movement.</p> <p>c. Throwing knives is not permitted within The Scout Association (see <a href="#">rule 9.67</a> Banned Activities).</p>
<p><b>Rule 9.40 Laser Games</b></p> <p>a. Laser Games remain an optional Scouting activity without age limit but with the knowledge of parents.</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.40 Laser Games</b></p> <p>a. <a href="#">Parental permission is required for laser games.</a></p> <p>b. Parental permission is required for laser clay pigeon shooting.</p>

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<p><b>Rule 9.56 Responsibilities</b></p> <p>a. A Leader or other adult leading a camp or residential experience involving young people under 18 years old must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● hold a valid <i>Nights Away Permit</i>;</li> <li>● have the prior agreement of the young person's Section Leader;</li> <li>● as a minimum, attend the event during the time that provision is made for young people to be sleeping overnight. They remain responsible for the event at all times;</li> <li>● ensure the relevant notification is made, as per <a href="#">Rule 9.57I</a>.</li> </ul> <p>b. The District Commissioner is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the issue of <i>Nights Away Permits</i> in accordance with the application, assessment and approval process and content of the appropriate factsheet; The Commissioner can only approve the issue of a Permit following the recommendation of a <i>Nights Away Adviser</i> and cannot increase the level of the permit beyond that recommended without a further assessment by an NAA.</li> <li>● suspension or withdrawal of <i>Nights Away Permits</i> as per <a href="#">Rule 9.58</a>;</li> <li>● the standards of all camping and residential experiences taking place in the District and may cancel an event, if judged necessary;</li> <li>● appointing one, or more, <i>Nights Away Advisers</i> in accordance with the process and content of the appropriate factsheet.</li> </ul> <p>County Commissioners have these responsibilities for events and permits issued by the County.</p> <p>c. For large scale events there needs to be a permit holder responsible for each residential group. There is no limit to the number of groups that a permit holder can be responsible for, but they remain responsible for the standard of the event for each group. In addition the permit holder must ensure the home Commissioner is notified (<a href="#">Rule 9.57I</a>) and inform them of the total number of groups they are responsible for during the event.</p> <p>d. All groups undertaking a nights away event must have immediate access to someone who has a current First Aid qualification, minimum First Response. The level of First Aid competence required</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.56 Responsibilities</b></p> <p>a. A Leader or other adult leading a camp or residential experience involving young people under 18 years old must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● hold a valid <i>Nights Away Permit</i>;</li> <li>● have the prior agreement of the young person's Section Leader;</li> <li>● <u>have parental consent (method to be determined by the leader) in which parents are informed of key information about the event including which leaders are present;</u></li> <li>● as a minimum, attend the event during the time that provision is made for young people to be sleeping overnight. They remain responsible for the event at all times;</li> <li>● ensure the relevant notification is made, as per <a href="#">Rule 9.57I</a>.</li> </ul> <p>b. The District Commissioner is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the issue of <i>Nights Away Permits</i> in accordance with the application, assessment and approval process and content of the appropriate factsheet; The Commissioner can only approve the issue of a Permit following the recommendation of a <i>Nights Away Adviser</i> and cannot increase the level of the permit beyond that recommended without a further assessment by an NAA.</li> <li>● suspension or withdrawal of <i>Nights Away Permits</i> as per <a href="#">Rule 9.58</a>;</li> <li>● the standards of all camping and residential experiences taking place in the District and may cancel an event, if judged necessary;</li> <li>● appointing one, or more, <i>Nights Away Advisers</i> in accordance with the process and content of the appropriate factsheet.</li> </ul> <p>County Commissioners have these responsibilities for events and permits issued by the County.</p> <p>c. For large scale events there needs to be a permit holder responsible for each residential group. There is no limit to the number of groups that a permit holder can be responsible for, but they remain responsible for the standard of the event for each group. In addition the permit holder must ensure the home Commissioner is notified (<a href="#">Rule 9.57I</a>) and inform them of the total number of groups they are responsible for during the event.</p> <p>d. All groups undertaking a nights away event must</p>

<p>for each event will be determined by the event risk assessment. The permit holder is not required to hold a first aid qualification.</p> <p>e. The requirement to have completed a First Response course is waived for holders of a valid First Aid qualification, where the syllabus equals or exceeds that of a First Response course, including hypothermia and hyperthermia training.</p>	<p>have immediate access to someone who has a current First Aid qualification, minimum First Response. The level of First Aid competence required for each event will be determined by the event risk assessment, <u>however those operating in remote environments such as Terrain 2, offshore sailing, and those where getting additional assistance would take more than 3 hours are required to have a full first aid certificate.</u></p> <p>The permit holder is not required to hold a first aid qualification.</p> <p>e. The requirement to have completed a First Response course is waived for holders of a valid First Aid qualification, where the syllabus equals or exceeds that of a First Response course, including hypothermia and hyperthermia training.</p> <p><u>NOTE: Rule 9.56 d is now for implementation by Counties by 31 December 2020. During this time, where the revised processes have not yet been implemented locally, reference should be made to Rule 9.56 d October 2018 version of POR.</u></p>
<p><b>Rule 9.61 Nights Away Passports</b></p> <p>a. A Scout or Explorer Scout who wishes to lead a camping or residential event can do so when issued with an Event Passport, this is only valid for use with members of their own section.</p> <p>b. Each Event Passport is issued for one event only by a permit holder experienced in the category of camp or residential experience proposed.</p> <p>c. Event Passports can not be given to anyone aged over 18.</p> <p>d. The permit holder has responsibility for notification (see <a href="#">Rule 9.57I</a>).</p> <p>e. The permit holder must provide support during both the preparation and the event itself and be satisfied that the young person has the required abilities, but is not required to attend the event. <i>Event Passports and guidance are available from the Scout Information Centre or can be downloaded from the <a href="#">print centre</a>.</i></p> <p>f. Those responsible for running Scout campsites or activity centres who hold a permit may issue site specific Event Passports for an extended period (up to a maximum of 12 months) covering multiple service events for those under 18 years working on projects on their site.</p> <p>g. The home Commissioner must be informed of</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.61 Nights Away Passports</b></p> <p>a. A Scout or Explorer Scout who wishes to lead a camping or residential event can do so when issued with an Event Passport, this is only valid for use with members of their own section.</p> <p>b. Each Event Passport is issued for one event only by a permit holder experienced in the category of camp or residential experience proposed.</p> <p>c. Event Passports cannot be given to anyone aged over 18 <u>and cannot be used for joint Explorer Scout / Scout Network events.</u></p> <p>d. The permit holder has responsibility for notification (see <a href="#">Rule 9.57I</a>).</p> <p>e. The permit holder must provide support during both the preparation and the event itself and be satisfied that the young person has the required abilities, but is not required to attend the event. <i>Event Passports and guidance are available from the Scout Information Centre or can be downloaded from the <a href="#">print centre</a>.</i></p> <p>f. Those responsible for running Scout campsites or activity centres who hold a permit may issue site specific Event Passports for an extended period (up to a maximum of 12 months) covering multiple service events for those under 18 years working on projects on their site.</p>

<p>those under 18 years working on service team projects at Scout campsites and activity centres, but a separate NAN form for each occasion need not be completed if a range of dates is specified.</p> <p>h. When leading a Scout Network residential event a permit is not required, but notification (<a href="#">Rule 9.57l</a>) is, and the event Leader must have first hand experience of camping or residential events and be familiar with the Association's appropriate resource material.</p> <p>For adult / Scout ratios on Nights Away activities, see <a href="#">Rule 3.9</a></p>	<p>g. The home Commissioner must be informed of those under 18 years working on service team projects at Scout campsites and activity centres, but a separate NAN form for each occasion need not be completed if a range of dates is specified.</p> <p>h. When leading a Scout Network residential event a <a href="#">passport or</a> permit is not required, but notification (<a href="#">Rule 9.57l</a>) is, and the event Leader must have first hand experience of camping or residential events and be familiar with the Association's appropriate resource material.</p> <p>i. <a href="#">As part of the planning process parents must be informed of no leaders being present and of the supervision arrangements for a residential event using an Event Passport and be satisfied with them prior to consenting to their child taking part.</a></p> <p>For adult / Scout ratios on Nights Away activities, see <a href="#">Rule 3.9</a></p>
<p><b>Rule 9.64 Visits Abroad</b></p> <p>A Visit Abroad is defined as: 'Any visit outside the United Kingdom, the Channel islands and the Isle of Man on a recognised and approved Scouting activity or travelling in the name of Scouting. This applies to youth and adult Members, Associate Members and non-Members'.</p> <p>'Youth and adult members, Associate Members and non-Members located within the British Scouting Overseas area and Northern Ireland are expected to follow the Visits Abroad Process when leaving the country where their group is registered. However, exceptionally, specific alternative arrangements may be approved and documented by a relevant Commissioner'.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> For NI Scouts travelling to the Republic of Ireland it is no longer a requirement to take out additional travel insurance, providing the trip is for no longer than 48 hours. If you feel that you require cover for emergency medical expenses, personal possession or cancellation then it is strongly advised that you should buy travel insurance. All members should carry a valid EHIC card for travelling within many European Countries including the Republic of Ireland. EHIC cards are obtainable from the <a href="#">NHS website</a>.</p> <p>a. A camp or residential experience abroad which includes Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, or Explorer Scouts, must be led by an adult holding a relevant permit. For Scout Network visits abroad see <a href="#">Rule 9.61e</a>.</p> <p>b. All visits abroad must follow the VA Process</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.64 Visits Abroad</b></p> <p>A Visit Abroad is defined as: 'Any visit outside the United Kingdom, the Channel islands and the Isle of Man on a recognised and approved Scouting activity or travelling in the name of Scouting. This applies to youth and adult Members, Associate Members and non-Members'.</p> <p>'Youth and adult members, Associate Members and non-Members located within the British Scouting Overseas area and Northern Ireland are expected to follow the Visits Abroad Process when leaving the country where their group is registered. However, exceptionally, specific alternative arrangements may be approved and documented by a relevant Commissioner'.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> For NI Scouts travelling to the Republic of Ireland it is no longer a requirement to take out additional travel insurance, providing the trip is for no longer than 48 hours. If you feel that you require cover for emergency medical expenses, personal possession or cancellation then it is strongly advised that you should buy travel insurance. All members should carry a valid EHIC card for travelling within many European Countries including the Republic of Ireland. EHIC cards are obtainable from the <a href="#">NHS website</a>.</p> <p>a. A camp or residential experience abroad which includes Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, or Explorer Scouts, must be led by an adult holding a relevant <a href="#">Nights Away Permit</a>. For Scout Network visits abroad see <a href="#">Rule 9.61e</a>.</p> <p>b. <a href="#">All visits abroad must follow the VA Process and</a></p>

contained within the Visits Abroad Pack and be approved at planning stage by the relevant Commissioner to the designation of the trip:

- England and Northern Ireland: District or County Commissioner and Assistant County Commissioner for International.
- Scotland: District or Regional Commissioner and Regional International Adviser.
- Wales: District or Area Commissioner and Assistant Area Commissioner for International.
- BSO: District Commissioner and Assistant Area Commissioner for International.
- Countries/UK/HQ: UK International Commissioner, Scottish HQ Commissioner (International), Deputy Commissioner Wales – Programme (International).

The trip must then gain final approval and sign off by the relevant Commissioner before the visit leaves the UK. A VA Form must be submitted to the Assistant County Commissioner (International) or International Adviser who supports such events on behalf of United Kingdom headquarters. As part of this process, the Assistant County Commissioner for International (or equivalent) must submit the VA form to The Scout Association Headquarters 6 weeks prior to the trip.

A Visits Abroad Pack containing the VA Form and process can be found on [www.scouts.org.uk/international](http://www.scouts.org.uk/international) or through notifying your Assistant County Commissioner (International) or County International Adviser (or equivalent) of your planned visit.

- c. The adult in charge of a camp or residential experience abroad must ensure that adequate travel insurance has been arranged for all members of the party, and that suitable InTouch arrangements are in place ([Rule 9.3](#)).
- d. The adult in charge of any adventurous activities abroad must apply the appropriate Rules and hold the appropriate permits, classifying the hills/mountains or waters as defined in Rules [9.28](#), [9.29](#), [9.30](#) and [9.44](#), although the altitude criteria for hills/mountains may not apply in some areas. In case of doubt, the Assistant County Commissioner (Activities) or Adviser should be consulted.
- e. When overseas, UK members may take part in activities being run by members of the host Scout organisation following the host organisation's guidance and rules. In this context,

be approved at planning stage by the relevant Commissioner to the designation of the trip:

- England and Northern Ireland: District or County Commissioner and Assistant County Commissioner for International.
- Scotland: District or Regional Commissioner and Regional International Adviser.
- Wales: District or Area Commissioner and Assistant Area Commissioner for International.
- BSO: District Commissioner and Assistant Area Commissioner for International.
- Countries/UK/HQ: UK International Commissioner, Scottish HQ Commissioner (International), Deputy Commissioner Wales – Programme (International).

The trip must then gain final approval and sign off by the relevant Commissioner before the visit leaves the UK. A VA Form must be submitted to the Assistant County Commissioner (International) or International Adviser who supports such events on behalf of United Kingdom headquarters. As part of this process, the Assistant County Commissioner for International (or equivalent) must complete the online VA notification form 6 weeks prior to the trip, notifying UK HQ of the trip.

The VA Form and guidance on the process can be found on [www.scouts.org.uk/international](http://www.scouts.org.uk/international) or through notifying your Assistant County Commissioner (International) or County International Adviser (or equivalent) of your planned visit.

- c. The adult in charge of a visit abroad must ensure that adequate travel insurance has been arranged for all members of the party, and that suitable InTouch arrangements are in place ([Rule 9.3](#)).
- d. The adult in charge of any adventurous activities abroad must apply the appropriate rules and hold the appropriate adventurous activity permits, classifying the hills/mountains or waters as defined in Rules [9.28](#), [9.29](#), [9.30](#) and [9.44](#), although the altitude criteria for hills/mountains may not apply in some areas. In case of doubt, the Assistant County Commissioner (Activities) or Adviser should be consulted.
- e. When overseas, UK members may take part in activities being run by members of the host Scout organisation following the host organisation's guidance and rules. In this context, Kandersteg International Scout Centre is deemed an independent Scout organisation. There must be a

<p>Kandersteg International Scout Centre is deemed an independent Scout organisation. There must be a Leader from the UK present who is able to halt the activity if they have safety concerns at any point. Activities forbidden by UK Scouting remain forbidden even when overseas. If using external providers overseas please see POR <a href="#">Rule 9.9b</a> for further guidance.</p> <p>f. This rule is intentionally left blank.</p> <p>g. This rule is intentionally left blank.</p> <p>h. This rule is intentionally left blank.</p>	<p>Leader from the UK present who is able to halt the activity if they have safety concerns at any point. Activities forbidden by UK Scouting remain forbidden even when overseas. If using external providers overseas please see POR <a href="#">Rule 9.9b</a> for further guidance.</p> <p>f. This rule is intentionally left blank.</p> <p>g. This rule is intentionally left blank.</p> <p>h. This rule is intentionally left blank.</p>
<p><b>Rule 9.67 Banned Activities</b> The following activities are not permitted within The Scout Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towing of inflatables behind powered watercraft (eg banana boating)</li> <li>• Bungee jumping</li> <li>• Hitch hiking</li> <li>• Knife Throwing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rule 9.67 Banned Activities</b> The following activities are not permitted within The Scout Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towing of inflatables behind powered watercraft (eg banana boating)</li> <li>• Bungee jumping</li> <li>• Hitch hiking</li> <li>• Knife Throwing</li> <li>• <a href="#">Archery Tag and other combat style archery activities</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Rule 9.69 Martial Arts</b></p> <p>a. All martial arts should be carried out using the standards and controls laid down by the appropriate Sports Council recognised National Governing Body.</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.69 Martial Arts</b></p> <p>a. All martial arts <b>must</b> be carried out using the standards and controls laid down by the appropriate National Governing Body.</p>
<p><b>Rule 9.70 Horse Riding and Pony Trekking</b></p> <p>a. Activities involving horse riding or pony trekking should be carried out using the standards and controls of the <a href="#">British Horse Society</a>.</p>	<p><b>Rule 9.70 Horse Riding and Pony Trekking</b></p> <p>a. Activities involving horse riding or pony trekking <b>must</b> be carried out using <a href="#">a British Equestrian Federation member body approved centre or club</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">b. Horse riding helmets must be worn by all riders in all Scout riding activities, except in the case of 9.70c.</a></p> <p><a href="#">c. A Sikh wearing a Turban may choose not to wear a horse riding helmet. This does not apply to a Sikh wearing a Top Knot.</a></p>
	<p><b>Rule 9.81 Fencing</b></p> <p><a href="#">All fencing activities must be carried out using the standards and controls laid down by British Fencing.</a></p>
	<p><b>Rule 9.82 Trampoline Parks</b></p> <p><a href="#">When taking part in trampoline park activities members must use an International Association of Trampoline Parks (IATP) member park who conform to the BSI PAS 5000:2017 standards.</a></p>

## Chapter 14 – Other Matters

Current	Proposed
<p><b>Rule 14.7 Protected Badges and Designations</b></p> <p>a. Except as authorised below the following badges and all Scout designations are protected and may not be used without the prior permission of Headquarters:</p> <p>Badges and Emblems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The World Membership Badge</li> <li>• The Arrowhead Badge and all badges the design of which incorporates the Arrowhead Badge</li> <li>• The Armorial Bearings of the Association</li> <li>• The Silver Wolf</li> <li>• The Wood Badge</li> <li>• Designations</li> <li>• The name of the Association</li> <li>• All designations of Members and appointments which incorporate the word 'Scout'</li> <li>• The title 'Scouter'</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rule 14.7 <u>Protected Scout logos, names, badges and awards</u></b></p> <p><u>We are proud of our brand and visual identity and encourage all members to use it to increase recognition and understanding of Scouting. However it is important that members follow the rules below and keep within brand guidelines to ensure a consistent approach across the UK.</u></p> <p><b>a. <u>Definitions</u></b></p> <p><u>The following are protected Scout logos, names, badges and awards:</u></p> <p>i. <u>Logos:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The Scout logo (in all colours) Registered UK Trade Mark <a href="#">UK00003310891</a></u></li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The UK Scout fleur de lis, Registered UK Trade Mark <a href="#">UK00003276645</a></u></li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>All section logos</u></li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The pre-May 2018 UK fleur de lis, Registered UK Trade Mark <a href="#">UK00000922043</a> (not to be used by local Scouting after May 2020, but will remain a protected mark).</u></li> </ul> 

- The pre-May 2018 UK Scout logo, Registered UK Trade Mark [UK00002252954](#) (not to be used by local Scouting after May 2020, but will remain a protected mark).



ii. Names:

- The names: 'the Scouts' and 'The Scout Association' 'Beavers' 'Cubs' 'Scouts' 'Explorers' 'Scout Network' 'Sea Scouts' 'Air Scouts' and 'Scout Active Support Units'
- All names and appointments which incorporate the word 'Scout' or 'Scouts' or an official section of UK Scouting.

iii. Badges and awards:

- All UK Programme Badges
- All official Occasional Badges
- All National UK Awards
- The Wood Badge
- The Log and Axe

**b. Usage**

i. A Section/Group/District/County with the permission of its relevant Executive Committee MAY:

- Use their localised Scout logo on local Scout items, including:
  - merchandise for local fundraising purposes;
  - items such as group clothing created and distributed at cost or free of charge to members of their Section/Group/District/County created and distributed at cost or free of charge to participants
  - items such as clothing for local events, or locally organised international events created and distributed at cost or free of charge to participants and authorise printers and similar suppliers to reproduce these on their behalf.
- Use the section logos on local Scout items, including merchandise for local fundraising purposes, as long as the name of their Section/Group/District/County is clearly visible

b. Scout Executive Committees may, under this Rule, authorise reproduction of the following on flags, letterheads, forms, reports and other stationery, band instruments, signs and notice boards, publicity material, pictures of events or places connected with Scouting, fund raising items and items for presentation and Scout gifts:

- the Arrowhead Badge;
- the name of the Association;
- all badges of the Association (excluding the World Membership Badge and the Armorial Bearings of the Association).

<p>c. The badges and designations permitted are restricted to specific items and quantities being ordered.</p> <p>d. This Rule does not empower manufacturers or printers to create stocks of items incorporating such reproductions.</p>	<p><u>on the item, and authorise printers and similar suppliers to reproduce these on their behalf</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Authorise a local business or organisation to use their localised Scout logo on printed or digital marketing materials so long as this is not a head office of a national company or organisation</u></li> <li>• <u>Use the Scout fleur de lis in local badges as long as the name of the local Section/Group/District/County or local event is clearly visible on the badge and that the badge does not resemble a UK Programme badge</u></li> <li>• <u>Use UK Programme badges, Occasional badges, all Scout logos and names for the normal day-to-day running of Scouting, for example in newsletters, emails, handouts, forms programme materials, signage, stationery, websites and social media.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>– ii. A Section/Group/District/County MUST NOT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Use Scout logos without localisation, Scout names, badges or awards for fundraising or commercial purposes without a commercial licence from UK Headquarters</u></li> <li>• <u>Offer a personalisation service to other Scout Sections/Groups/Districts/Counties without a commercial licence from UK Headquarters</u></li> <li>• <u>Licence the use of any Scout logo, name, badge or award to any third party</u></li> <li>• <u>Alter Scout logos, badges, names or awards in any way except to add personalisation to their logo in line with the Scout brand guidelines</u></li> <li>• <u>Use an official UK Programme badges, Scout award or national award on any item of merchandise</u></li> <li>• <u>Authorise the national head office of any business to use either localised or generic Scout logos, names, badges and awards. Only UK Headquarters may contact a national head office and authorise them to use Scout logos, names, badges or awards</u></li> <li>• <u>Apply to register any designs or Trade Marks which are, or may in UK Headquarters' view, be identical or confusingly similar to UK Scout Trade Marks of other protected logos, names, badges or awards. For the avoidance of doubt a design, Trade Mark, domain name and other names containing the word 'Scout' in any form will be considered confusingly similar.</u></li> </ul>
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- Use any logo or name other than 'Scouts' (in the context of promoting a Group/District/County) which is potentially confusing to the public.
- c. The World Scout Membership Badge and logo



The World Membership Badge and logos are owned by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM). They may only be used or reproduced by permission of The Scout Association, acting as sole UK licensee on behalf of WOSM. They may not be used as a substitute for the UK Scout logo on local signage or merchandise.

**d. Contact**

To apply for a commercial licence to use a Scout logo or name please email [licensing@scoutshops.com](mailto:licensing@scoutshops.com) with a brief summary of your proposition. We will then contact you to discuss the possibility of a entering into a commercial licensing agreement.

**e. Devolved Nation logos**



Devolved Nation logos may only be used by written permission of the devolved Nation headquarters (for non-commercial use) or permission from the Scout licensing team in consultation with Devolved Nation headquarters (for commercial use).

- If a Section/Group/District/County wishes to use a devolved Nation logo for **non-commercial** use in print, online use, or for event branding, they should contact the relevant devolved Nation headquarters

	<p><u>with details of the intended use, seeking written permission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:admin1@scoutsni.org">Scouts N.I. admin1@scoutsni.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="mailto:shq@scouts.scot">Scouts Scotland shq@scouts.scot</a></li> <li>• <a href="mailto:admin@scoutscymru.org.uk">ScoutsCymru admin@scoutscymru.org.uk</a></li> <li>• <u>If a Section/Group/District/County wishes to use a devolved Nation logo for <b>commercial use</b> on merchandise for example, they should contact <a href="mailto:licensing@scoutshops.com">licensing@scoutshops.com</a>. The licensing team will consult with the relevant Devolved Nation headquarters before issuing a licence.</u></li> </ul> <p><u>As a general rule, only Nation headquarters may use the devolved Nation logos (Scouts Scotland, ScoutsCymru and Scouts N.I.) in its communications and marketing materials.</u></p> <p><u>For local identification, Sections/Groups/Districts/Counties in the Nations must use their name beneath the main Scout logo and follow the advice on colour use given in the <a href="#">brand guidelines</a>. An example is given below:</u></p> <div data-bbox="826 1064 1050 1265" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><b>Rule 14.8 Trade Marks</b></p> <p>a. The expression “Trade Mark” or “Trade Marks” refers to those words, symbols, Marks, Logos, domain or other names or a combination of any of these which are owned by the Association and which cannot be used without the prior written authorisation of Headquarters. The expression ‘Trade Mark Licensee’ refers to those who have obtained the written permission of Headquarters to use the Association’s copyright material.</p> <p>b. Individuals, members and/or Scout Units must not use, apply to register or otherwise seek to obtain any trade mark which is or may in the Association’s view be identical or confusingly similar to its Trade Marks without the prior written authority of Headquarters. For the avoidance of doubt a Trade Mark (or domain name and other names) containing the word “scout” in any form will be considered confusingly similar to the Trade Marks of the Association.</p>	<p><b>Rule 14.8 Trade Marks</b></p> <p>a. <u>The Scout Association owns a number of registered Trade Marks, which must not be used by members except as defined within this chapter of POR. Failure to comply with these Rules may constitute a breach of Trade Mark law and result in legal action against individuals, members and/or Scout Units. It is therefore the responsibility of all members to ensure that these rules are followed.</u></p>

<p>c. Failure to comply with these Rules may constitute a breach of Trade Mark law and give rise to legal action against individuals, members and/or Scout Units. It is therefore the responsibility of all members and, in particular the Scout Unit's Executive Committee, to ensure that these rules are followed.</p> <p>—</p> <p>d. A Trade Mark Licensee must not claim any right, title or interest in the Trade Mark and must further ensure that use of the Trade Mark will not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Damage or be likely to damage the goodwill in any Trade Mark;</li> <li>ii. Be misleading or impose any liability on the Association;</li> <li>iii. Devalue, damage, bring into disrepute or conflict with the good name and reputation of the</li> <li>iv. Association or the Movement as a whole;</li> <li>v. Jeopardise or invalidate any registration of any Trade Mark or cause the removal of any Trade</li> <li>vi. Mark from the relevant Register;</li> </ul> <p>—</p> <p>vii. Prejudice the right or title of the Association to the Trade Mark.</p> <p>viii. The user shall not at any future time register or use any of the Trade Marks in its own name as proprietor.</p> <p>—</p> <p>e. A Trade Mark Licensee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Promptly inform the Association of any use of any unauthorised or unlicensed use the Trade Marks;</li> </ul> <p>—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Hold all goodwill and any other intellectual property rights generated by the use of the Trade Marks on trust for the benefit of the Association and, if the Association so instructs, shall do all such things necessary to ensure that the same are transferred or assigned absolutely to the Association without any cost or penalty to the Association.</li> <li>iii. Not sub-licence, purport to licence or otherwise authorise use of any of the Trade Marks to any other party;</li> <li>iv. Not seek to profit from any use;</li> <li>v. Hold any profit or other benefit received from use of the Trade Mark on trust for the Association which will be entitled to full access to any related accounts and/or other records;</li> </ul>	
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<p>vi. Any money or other benefit received as a result of use of the Trade Marks shall, unless agreed otherwise, be held on trust for the Association which shall be entitled to full access and sight of any and all accounting and other relevant records</p>	
<p><b>Rule 14.9 Copyright</b></p> <p>a. The expressions 'copyright', 'copyright material' and 'copyright work' includes the entire copyright, moral right, design right, rental right, right to authorise or lend as well as any database right created by or vested in the Association. The expression 'Copyright Licensee' refers to those who have obtained the written permission of Headquarters to use the copyright material.</p> <p>b. Failure to comply with these rules may constitute copyright infringement and give rise to legal action against individuals, members and/or Scout Units. It is the responsibility of all members and in particular the Scout Unit's Executive Committee to ensure that these rules are followed and that the Association's copyright is protected.</p> <p>c. In general, copyright material may not be reproduced, distributed, sold, licensed, sub-licensed or assigned (in whole or in part), especially to any commercial entity, without the prior written permission of Headquarters save that the Executive Committee of a Scout Unit may authorise reproducing extracts for use in not-for profit scouting activities provided that:</p> <p>i. No representation is made that the resultant item or work has been approved (in content quality or otherwise) by the Association.</p> <p>ii. The resultant item or work is not misleading or imposes or creates any liability on the – Association or devalues the good name and reputation of the Association;</p> <p>iii. All rights in the resultant item or work, including all moral rights under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, shall automatically vest in the Association to the exclusion of all other parties (including the author) and, if the Association so instructs, such parties will do all such things necessary to assist the Association to enforce such rights.</p> <p>iv. If any profit or other benefit is received from the resultant item or work then this will be held on trust for the Association which will be entitled to full access to any related accounts and/or other records.</p> <p>d. A Copyright Licensee shall:</p>	<p><b>Rule 14.9 Copyright</b></p> <p>The <u>terms</u> 'copyright', 'copyright material' and 'copyright work' includes the entire copyright, moral right, design right, rental right, right to use, authorise, use or lend any written, photographic, video or illustrative work created or owned by the <u>Scouts</u>. The expression 'Copyright Licensee' refers to those who have obtained the written permission of <u>UK</u> Headquarters to use the copyright material.</p> <p><b>a. A local Section/Group/District/County MAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Reproduce Scout copyright material for use in day to day running of Scouting activities provided that:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>The resulting work is not misleading or imposes or creates any liability on the Scouts or devalues the good name and reputation of the Scouts</u></li> <li>○ <u>Rights to Scout copyright, including all moral rights under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, shall automatically remain with The Scout Association to the exclusion of all other parties (including the author)</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>b. A local Section/Group/District/County MUST NOT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Use Scout copyright material in any merchandise for commercial or fundraising purpose without a copyright licence from UK Headquarters</u></li> <li>• <u>Grant permission to any third party to reproduce, distribute, sell, license, sub-license or assign (in whole or in part) any Scout copyright material.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>c. Contact</b></p> <p><u>–To apply for a copyright licence to use any Scout copyright material please email <a href="mailto:copyright@scouts.org.uk">copyright@scouts.org.uk</a> with a brief description of your requirements. We will then contact you to discuss the possibility of entering a copyright licensing agreement.</u></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Not at any time assert any claim, right, title or proprietary interest in the copyright material or any part thereof.</li> <li>ii. Promptly inform the Association of any unauthorised or unlicensed use of any copyright material which comes to its attention.</li> <li>iii. Hold all goodwill and any other intellectual property rights generated by the use of the Trade Marks on trust for the benefit of the Association and, if the Association so instructs, shall do all such things necessary to ensure that the same are transferred or assigned absolutely to the Association without any cost or penalty to the Association</li> </ul>	
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POR – The Appointment Process	
Current	Proposed
<p><b>The Appointment Process - 5 Reviewing Appointments</b></p> <p>c. Leaders, Managers and Supporters must hold an up to date <b>first aid</b> certificate (a minimum of First Response) at the point the review is undertaken. All adults are encouraged to maintain a first aid certificate at all times.</p>	<p><b>The Appointment Process - 5 Reviewing Appointments</b></p> <p>c. Leaders, Managers and Supporters must hold an up to date first aid certificate (a minimum of First Response) at the point the review is undertaken. All adults <u>(as listed above)</u> are <b>required</b> to maintain a first aid certificate at all times <u>from the completion of first aid as part of their Wood Badge training.</u></p> <p><u>NOTE: The Appointment Process - 5 Reviewing Appointments c is now for implementation by Counties by 31 December 2020. During this time, where the revised processes have not yet been implemented locally, reference should be made to The Appointment Process - 5 Reviewing Appointments c October 2018 version of POR.</u></p>